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In May, the United States Administration for Children and Families (ACF) conducted an on site review of the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Head Start program. The results of that investigation revealed serious deficiencies in LACOE and in 28 of the 29 delegate agencies that LACOE contracts with to run the federally-funded Head Start and Early Head Start Programs.

The problems, which range from minor infractions to substantive non-compliance issues, revolve around health and safety concerns, program administration, communication and fiscal management. These issues have resulted in potential disallowed costs of \$13 million.

These are serious deficiencies and LACOE must rectify some of them within 30 days and reach full compliance within 90 days or risk losing federal funding. Given the severity of this situation, action must be taken now to ensure that LACOE and the Head Start program stay on track properly serving the children in Los Angeles County.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that this Board direct the Superintendent of the Los Angeles County Office of Education to provide to the Board a corrective action plan within seven (7) days to address the issues raised by the ACF review and provide timelines and anticipated corrections. Additionally, weekly updates should be provided to the Board on LACOE's progress.

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